

Jonathan Hale House  
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Summit County  
Ohio

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*Jonathan Hale House*  
Hale Residence  
Ira, Ohio

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Owner (or Custodian) C. O. Hale, Grandson of Jonathan Hale

Date of Erection Built about 1826

Architect Designed by the builder, who was the original owner

Builder Jonathan Hale

Present Condition In good condition

Number of Stories Three stories

Materials of Construction Brick exterior walls. Hand hewn timbers for floor joist. Original roof was of hand split black walnut shingles replaced by slate about 50 years ago.

Other Existing Records: Six drawings  
One photograph  
One page of history

Additional Data: The original sash were divided into 24 lights. Original sash are in ground floor. All other sash have been replaced by 4 light sash. Bricks were made and burnt on the farm. Lime was also burnt on the farm.

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The Grandfather of the present owner and occupant, C. O. Hale in 1810 traded his farm on the Connecticut River near Glastonbury, Connecticut for 500 acres in what was Described as town 3, range 12 of the Connecticut Land Company's Grant.

Directly upon the completion of the exchange, Jonathan Hale set out for his new land and traveled over land as far as Buffalo where he transferred his goods to a boat to be shipped, and he kept on by horseback to the new country. When he arrived he found that there were squatters there who had settled on his property and although they were put out by his arrival, they welcomed him hospitably, their home being a log cabin they had built on the place.

Miller, who was the squatter was assured by Mr. Hale that it would not be necessary for him to leave immediately as he did not expect his wife and family for a few months longer, and that in the meantime they could be selecting other land, and when they did, he, Mr. Hale, would reimburse them for the cabin and improvements they had made to his property.

In due course, Mr. Hale's family arrived in the new country and settled in the cabin that had been vacated by Miller.

In 1826, the new owner who was a brickmaker by trade began to build the present house. The brick was made of clay from the farm and the framing timbers were also hewed on the place, also the shingles which were made of black walnut and which have been replaced (about 50 years ago) by slate. He also burned the lime used in the mortar. Later had a contract to supply that lime that was used in building some of the locks in the Ohio Canal.

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Mr. C. O. Hale, the present owner is 86 years old, and is the Grandson of Jonathan. For three terms he served in the Ohio Legislature as a representative from Summit County. 1893-4, 1894-5, and 1915-16.

The family is distantly related to Nathan Hale of Revolutionary War fame.

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